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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendment herein corrects the specification to reflect the date of filing of the priority application (April 25, 2000). No new matter has been added. As the amendment is directed merely to correction of formal matters, it is believed that entry of the amendment under 35 U.S.C. §1.312 is proper and such action is requested.

Applicants further note that it appears that the USPTO has not properly acknowledged the claim for priority in the subject application. As noted herein, the present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/199,350, filed April 25, 2000.

This priority claim was present (without the serial number) in the application as filed, and the specification was amended to insert the serial number of the provisional application with the Amendment filed February 20, 2007 (and re-submitted August 6, 2007). The priority claim was also recited, with the correct priority application serial number and filing date, in the supplemental "Declaration for Patent Application" signed by the inventors and submitted on March 28, 2007.

The USPTO Examiner acknowledged (in a paper mailed from the USPTO on December 21, 2007) that the priority claim was accepted and that the amendments to the specification filed August 6, 2007, fulfilled the requirement for a priority claim.

Despite the acknowledgement that the priority claim was accepted and that the amendments to the specification fulfilled the requirement for a priority claim, the USPTO has not issued a corrected filing receipt or a given any indication that the USPTO records have been updated to reflect the correct priority claim.

To assist the USPTO, an Application Data Sheet (ADS) showing the correct priority claim is enclosed herewith.

Therefore, Applicants request that the USPTO records be updated to reflect that the present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/199,350, filed April 25, 2000.

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Applicants further request that an updated Official Filing Receipt be issued, reflecting the correct priority claim. Applicants additionally request that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312, this paper is being filed before or with the payment of the issue fee. Applicants request any extension of time necessary for consideration of this response. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this request. If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Reference No. 64856 (70207), Customer No. 21874.

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